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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Harald Schmidt et al.)
Application No. 09/762,767)
Filed: June 1, 2001) Group Art Unit: 1652
For: ISOLATED AND PURIFIED HUMAN)
SOLUBLE GUANYLYLCYCLASE)
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Examiner: Manjunath N. Rao, Ph.D.) Attorney Docket No. VOS-101

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a) AND §1.17(a)(1)

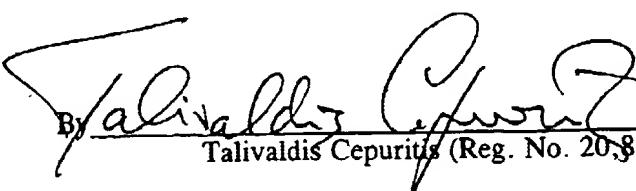
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A one-month extension in the time for filing a response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2004 on the above-identified application, i.e., to and including August 2, 2004, is respectfully requested. Submitted herewith are: (1) an Amendment and Response Under Rule 116, (2) a Declaration Under 37CFR 132, (3) a certified copy of an English translation of the German priority document, and (4) a check in the amount of the required fee of \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time (small entity).

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment concerning this matter to our Deposit Account No. 15-0508.

Respectfully submitted,

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